

RFP Questions and Clarifications Memorandum

To: Vendors Responding to RFP Number 3761 for Information Technology Services (ITS) and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC)

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Subject: Responses to Questions Submitted

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The following questions were submitted to ITS and are being presented as they were submitted, except to remove any reference to a specific vendor. This information should assist you in formulating your response.

Question 1: In Section 7.6.4 you state that you anticipate that the schedules will be signed each year and that the services and hours will vary by agency. Do you intend for other State agencies and entities, other than ITS and UMMC, be able to purchase Premier under the contract awarded from this RFP? In other words, is this RFP intended to create a purchase vehicle for Premier Services that can be used by other State agencies? If so, what types of agencies/entities do you expect would leverage the agreement (State agencies, State funded Higher Education, K-12 Education, local governments).

Response: **The agreement with ITS will be used to provision hours to ITS and to other non-education state agencies as required. The agreement with UMMC will be strictly for the use of UMMC.**

Question 2: Premier is sold in varying sizes, packages and configurations beyond the samples requested, and Microsoft often develops custom agreements for customers. Is the State interested in seeing other packages and pricing in addition to the samples requested?

Response: The samples provided are for the purposes of comparing vendor pricing and determining the winning vendor. Custom agreements will be negotiated with the winning vendor.

Question 3: How does the State intend to contract for the services requested in the RFP? Is the State willing to leverage existing Master Service Agreement(s) in place with ITS and UMMC? Will ITS and UMMC (and other agencies if applicable) individually execute the required signature pages and exhibits?

Response: Please see the response to question 1. The State intends to sign a minimum of 2 agreements under this award.

Per Section III Item 17; the state reserves the right to use existing contracts when it is in its best interest to do so.

Yes, ITS and UMMC will individually execute separate agreements with the awarded vendor.

Question 4: Section 4.3 of the RFP requests a Certification of No Conflict of Interest and references Mississippi law; however, no statutes or references were identified. Can you identify what provisions of Mississippi law this Section is referring to or provide copies?

Response: We assume your question relates to Section VI Item 3.-3.2 Certification of No Conflict of Interest. Rather than asking our attorneys to cite specific statute(s), the State asserts that it is a basic contracting principle not to enter into agreements with entities where a known conflict of interest exists. The Mississippi code section dealing with ethics is primarily located at Section 25-4 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. Vendor must respond to the requirement as written.

RFP responses are due Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. (Central Time).

If you have any questions concerning the information above or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Curtis Ritchey at 601-432-8177 or via email at Curtis.Ritchey@its.ms.gov.

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